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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1993 01:19:17 GMT

From: swrinde!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!iat.holonet.net!
bwilkins@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: 10 meter beacon
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

jeffrey@kahuna.tmc.edu (Jeffrey Herman) writes:

: Could any member of the Northern California DX Club please email me
: (in regard to the construction and coordination of a 10M beacon).
: Thanks so much!
:
: Jeff NH6IL
:

Please be sure to include the "straight" key circuit as Jeff can't handle
any thing else ;)

Bob Wilkins n6fri voice 440.250+ 100p1 san francisco bay area
bwilkins@cave.org packet n6fri @ n6eeg.#nocal.ca.usa.na

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1993 16:21:55 GMT
From: world!slm@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Casual DX'er needs help on direct QSL'ing
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

lau@remus.rutgers.edu (Jonathan K. Lau) writes:

>Worked 9A2DW over the weekend. This must look stupid to all you real
>DX'ers, but I have no idea of where 9A is.

9A is the new prefix for Croatia.

>He did mention QSL via YU2DW. The 1987
>International Callbook, the only one that I have access to, lists him
>as:
> Zvonko Ljutic
> Skurinjskih Zrtava 28
> 51000 Rijeka
> Yugoslavia

The address is correct now, except for the country. Rijeka is now in the country of Croatia, not Yugoslavia.

Do NOT put "Yugoslavia" or "former Yugoslavia" on the address, as this may route it through Belgrade, and you are highly unlikely to then get the card through to Croatia.

I would suggest

[name and street address]
51000 Rijeka
Croatia
Europe

(I like to put Europe on the last line, making it easier for postal sorting)

>1. Where is 9A?

See above. It is Croatia. Other new prefixes for new countries of ex-YU:

S5 for Slovenia, T9 for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Z3 for Macedonia.

>2. Is YU2DW's address still the same as listed in the 1987 callbook?

I don't have a callbook handy; someone should look it up for you in a '92 or '93 callbook, also under YU2DW, as the callbook has been PAINFULLY SLOW in updating prefixes.

>3. How is direct QSL'ing to Yugoslavia like these days, given the instability in that area? Should I try?

This is NOT direct QSL'ing to Yugoslavia, but to Croatia. It is now a different country.

While there is still serious fighting -- and potential for much more severe fighting -- in parts of Croatia, there are other parts of the country that are quiet where mail is working fine. I believe that Rijeka is pretty close to the Slovenian border, and I would guess that mail is working fine. My mail recently went through to Split and Zagreb, also in Croatia.

Not that you asked, but direct QSL-ing to Slovenia, another new country from ex-YU, works fine -- the mail service is very good, and there is no fighting there (a short war ended more than 2 years ago)

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As far as I know, there is still mail service to Yugoslavia proper -- now just Serbia and Montenegro. However, because of the strict UN embargo on Yugoslavia (because of its support for the horrific campaign of "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia), I think it highly unwise to attempt to send a "green stamp" (i.e. return-postage money) into Yugoslavia. I have no information about Macedonia.

73,

Sharon KC1YR (S5/KC1YR for 2 weeks last month)

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electronic address: slm@world.std.com

Date: 20 Oct 1993 17:22:30 GMT
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!math.ohio-state.edu!news.acns.nwu.edu!casbah.acns.nwu.edu!rdewan@ames.arp
Subject: Casual DX'er needs help on direct QSL'ing

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CF7EsK.3MG@world.std.com>, slm <slm@world.std.com> wrote:

Some excellent advice from an expert has been deleted for brevity...

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>now a different country.

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I have received several cards from Croatia - direct and through the bureau.
I enclose an IRC.

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>of the horrible war going on there.

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Just got a card, direct in the mail, from Bosnia a couple of months ago.
It was a pleasant surprise. So my recommendation is to try it.

Rajiv
aa9ch
r-dewan@nwu.edu

Date: 20 Oct 1993 17:28:33 GMT
From: haven.umd.edu!darwin.sura.net!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!
news.cs.columbia.edu!mix-cs!popovich@ames.arpa
Subject: Casual DX'er needs help on direct QSL'ing
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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> S5 for Slovenia, T9 for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Z3 for Macedonia.

Has T9 been the prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina ever since the breakup?
I'd like to know, since around the beginning of the year, I worked a

station, identifying as 404D, that said that it was in
Bosnia-Herzegovina. Was this some kind of pirate?

-Steve

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1993 17:13:16 GMT
From: agate!overload.lbl.gov!dog.ee.lbl.gov!newshub.nosc.mil!
avalon.chinalake.navy.mil!gawain.nwc.navy.mil!jan@ames.arpa
Subject: Charging an FNB-26 with NCD-29?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I bought a W&W Associates desktop charger, too, but I got the less expensive model. It charges my FT-530's 7.2V battery overnight overnight just fine. It is supposed to fully charge the battery in 8 hours (the more expensive one is 3-5 hours) and warns not to exceed something like 24 hours on the charger, eg. I can't leave the radio on the charger all the time. It has an external transformer, and a switch on the front for a 12V or a 7.2V charge. I definitely like it more than the wall charger, but I wish it would turn off after fully charging the battery so I could leave my radio in it -- I'm always knocking the poor radio off my desk!

73, jan
kc6uth

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1993 16:25:21 GMT
From: news.kpc.com!amd!netcomsv!netcom.com!stevew@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: GAY & QST
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <dbledsoeCF4pA6.J2z@netcom.com>, dbledsoe@netcom.com (Donnelly R. Bledsoe) writes:

> The ARRL board changed the advertising policy the day after it received
> the complaint that was filed with the State of Connecticut. It is an

Gee... I've never seen the ARRL board do anything quickly. ;-)
Just look at the HF forwarding issue as an existence proof.

> unforunate situation that the former LARC chapter in SF decided to act on
> its own in a matter that it had no authority to do so.

Um...I don't wan't to speak out of turn for the SF group. I'm not a member though I receive a courtesy copy of their newsletter.

BUT, mind you, speaking strictly for myself... if a group succeeded in getting the policy changed through the method used for doing such things in a timely manner I wouldn't be calling it unfortunate and moving without authority. I'd be glad that the issue resolved itself in my favor and move on.

> I am hoping this
> difference can be patched up in the future. You are incorrect -- this was
> a complaint -- not a lawsuit -- that was filed before a state agency.

Ok.. my mistake on that...but the facts aren't really any different than I stated.

> : That is what happened. I find it also interesting that
> : at least the last time I was caught up on the subject, the
> : Golden Gate chapter had dropped their membership in the
> : international Lambda.
>
> This was the result of their going around their elected club officers and
> taking matters into their own hands.

I'm not sure that is what I remember. I saw a fair amount of discussion on the topic in their newsletter, and with conversations with several of the members. It seemed that their policy was to try and persuade their director to support their position. No more or less. He undoubtedly received calls and letters plus the copy of the newsletter and reached his own decision to support them. Whoops...that's a political process again, and the way the system operates, and in this case by your own admission, it worked! But it seems that the "complaint" filed in such a timely manner by LARC international essentially grabbed defeat from the jaws of victory....that is assuming that the whole point to the exercise was to get the add placed in QST. Is there some other reason that LARC International is pursuing this?

> So, there was a difference of
> opinion as to how the matter should be handled. The majority of the
> membership in LARC did NOT agree with the approach advocated by the SF
> chapter.

I'm just curious...did you take a poll on this. So...the majority didn't advocate trying to resolve the situation through the political process you all have access too?

> LARC officers acted in accordance with the wishes of the

> majority of its members, as it should. The SF group didn't like it and
> pulled out.

Again...just curious, how did you know what the "majority" of your
members wanted? The ARRL board seems to try and operate in that mode
too. They listened to their members and were ready to make a change.
Can you say that?

> : > LARC resorted to a legal action because of the ARRL's refusal to discuss
> : > the issue -- repeatedly. So, we were left with no alternative but to let
> : > them discuss it with the State of Connecticut. It's sad because I'd
> : > prefer my ARRL membership monies be spent on more constructive activities.

Yep...but it seems it wasn't the ARRL that caused the expenditure in the
long run.

> : > 73 ... Don, WB6LYI

> : >

Steve KA6S

Date: 21 Oct 93 07:28:39 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!grian!
morris@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Hts airlines and morris
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

sysop@avsoft.com writes:

> > In article <1993Oct4.142552.23058@cyphyn.radnet.com>
> > randy@cyphyn.radnet.com > (Randy) writes:
> >
> > On board a typical commercial airline there are several radios covering a
> > wide spectrum from HF on up to SHF. All of the manufacturers are aware of
> > the environment they have to operate in. Airlines certainly would not want
> > the liability of operating susceptable navagation equipment or performing
> > "instrument only" flight if they weren't VERY sure of the reliabilty.
> You got that part right, the manufacturers are VERY aware of the
> environment. And that environment doesn't include poorly designed Consumer
> Electronics Products. -----
> >
> > When an aircraft heads west out of Los Angeles International, it
> > heads right over Mt. Wilson.

> Gee, they must have moved Mt. Wilson, since I was in L.A. last. Mt. Wilson
> is 25-30 miles NORTHEAST of LAX. Even departing to the EAST and turning out
> Westbound, it takes far less than 10 miles to make the 180deg turn, even for

> 'Heavy'.

Planes taking off westbound from LAX are over the pacific ocean in less than 120 seconds. My last flight that took off west, then looped north to head back east (to Denver) came nowhere close to Wilson.

> >
> > Several hundred kilowatts of RF spread from DC to Daylight(tm).
> >
> > Interesting to note that Mt. Wilson is not pockmarked with the craters of
> > several thousand airplanes.

I have lived 8 miles south of Mt. Wilson since 1965, and have yet to see anything larger than a Lear or a Cessna twin between my house and Wilson. Flights that go north out of Van Nuys come closer to Wilson than anything out of LAX.

I've been up to Wilson many times (the road is paved all the way to the top), and have climbed several of the towers to do antenna work on ham radio repeaters. The standard "flashlight" is a fluorescent tube. They light to full brilliance anywhere on the mountain (considering that you've got TV channels 2,4,5,7,9,11,13,22,28,34,46,52 and at least one more plus over 2 dozen FM transmitters, plus commercial two-way up there...) Wilson is over 5k feet high, yet the NBC and ABC outlets (4 and 7) have towers over 600' high, and CBS (ch 2) has a 1,000 foot tower.

> Oh well, you don't have to pass a Geography test to get a Ham license.

>John - K9IJ

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Mike Morris WA6ILQ | This space intentionally left blank.
PO Box 1130 |
Arcadia, CA. 91077 | All opinions must be my own since nobody pays
818-447-7052 evenings | me enough to be their mouthpiece...

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1993 16:01:24 GMT

From: news.kpc.com!amd!netcomsv!netcom.com!dbledsoe@decwrl.dec.com

Subject: LARC, QST, etc.

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I asked for a statement from LARC President Jim Kelly, KK3K, about LARC's complaint against the ARRL. His reply follows ...

From: "James L. Kelly" <jimkelly@astro.ocis.temple.edu>
Subject: LARC vs ARRL

Hello Everyone,

Don (WB6LYI) has received a number of very supportive E-Mail messages from hams in response to his posting of a general LARC informational message to several ham newsgroups on the Internet.

The support we're receiving proves that there are many fair-minded hams who do not support discrimination against gays. Some of them are even willing to go to bat for us with their ARRL officials!

We have done two things to get us to this point. First, we've challenged the discrimination directed at us from within the hobby. Second, we've done so in a public manner. It's important to realize that people can't help us if they don't know about us, who we are, and what problems we're encountering. Therefore, we must continue to be forthright and public in our determination to be treated in a fair and just manner. We can't go wrong as long as we tell the truth and seek justice. That's the reason why the ARRL has been silent about LARC for eight years now. They can't easily defend an unfair and unjust policy.

I think a recap of our situation with the ARRL might be useful at this time since some individuals have asked what we are seeking.

Basically, we are seeking an agreement on the part of the ARRL to end the discriminatory practices directed at LARC, adoption and publication of a corporate non-discriminatory policy which includes sexual minorities, recognition on their part that their past discriminatory practices have hurt our organization, and a willingness on their part to work with our club to repair the damage done to our organization and help us grow consistent with the ARRL mission to promote amateur radio.

It is important to note that our discrimination complaint remains pending because the ARRL has not agreed to cease discriminatory practices against LARC, in fact, they deny that they have discriminated against LARC. The ARRL has said that they believe our complaint is moot since they have agreed to run an ad which LARC submitted in 1991. However, LARC has no guarantee that this decision would not be reversed and our ad once again removed from the pages of QST. The Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities investigator has indicated, contrary to the statement of ARRL officials, that the case is not moot.

LARC stands ready, as we have since 1985, to work with the ARRL for the betterment of amateur radio. However, there is no place in amateur radio for discrimination of any kind. We are prepared to negotiate a settlement to our discrimination complaint. However, the ARRL has been silent on this issue for eight years and has thus far not indicated a willingness to negotiate, renounce past discriminatory policies, or work with LARC to promote amateur radio. Until such time as the leadership of the League

recognizes their obligation to renounce their past discriminatory policies and practices once and for all, and return to spirit of their motto "Of, by and for the radio amateur" including all amateurs, gay and straight, LARC will continue to seek justice and fair treatment in the State of Connecticut and in the court of public opinion.

73,

Jim, KK3K

Jim Kelly, Amateur Radio Licensee KK3K (jimkelly@astro.ocis.temple.edu)
M.A. Candidate - Political Science - Temple University \\\
President - Lambda Amateur Radio Club for Sexual Minorities \\\
Standard Disclaimers Apply - LARC info: (215) 978 - LARC / \\\
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Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI dbledsoe@netcom.com

Date: Wed, 20 Oct 1993 17:18:33 GMT
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!lynx!chaos.dac!
wy1z@ames.arpa
Subject: Mac files now on World
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I recently finished FTPing a lot of Ham related Macintosh files onto world.std.com (192.74.137.5). They are located in: /pub/hamradio/mac

Most of these files were given to me by John Seney, WD1V.

I have relayed them onto World for all to use. I *KNOW* how little Mac software exists on the net, so I felt I needed to supplement files.

Have fun!

Any questions, feel free to drop me a line. The address is in my .sig.

73 to all,

Scott
Maintainer of the Boston ARC FTP area on world.std.com - check it out!

=====| Scott Ehrlich Internet: wy1z@neu.edu |
| Amateur Radio: wy1z AX.25: wy1z@wa1phy.#ema.ma.usa.na |

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| Know your weaknesses, show your strengths - Anonymous |
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morris@network.ucsd.edu
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References <CExuID.13L4@hawnews.watson.ibm.com>, <CF3y2n.31@hpcvsnz.cv.hp.com>, <29v9s2INN4br@network.ucsd.edu>
Subject : Re: Need 16key touch tone pad

brian@nothing.ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor) writes:

>Most of the Telco dials will generate all four columns of tones, even
>if they only have 12 buttons. Trick is to add a spdt switch to change
>the third column to the fourth column when needed. Sure, it's not as
>convenient as a real 16-button dial, but when you have to compromise,
>it works.
> - Brian

A little-known fact is that the 35xxx series of Western Electric pads
have a 5x5 matrix of coil taps. Years ago I blew a few minds with a 5x5
decoder on a repeater control system.

My first 4x4 pad was a modified WeCo, just like Brian said. However I
switched the center column of buttons rather than the 3rd column because
I needed A-D and star and pound all at once.

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